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To the President of the Scottish Football Association, Mr D. H. Will, the Scottish Officials, and the Players, I extend a warm welcome to Australia for this fixture. However, I trust that neither country will be required to travel in future halfway round the world to play a qualifying fixture for future World Cups.

SIR ARTHUR GEORGE
President,
Australian Soccer Federation

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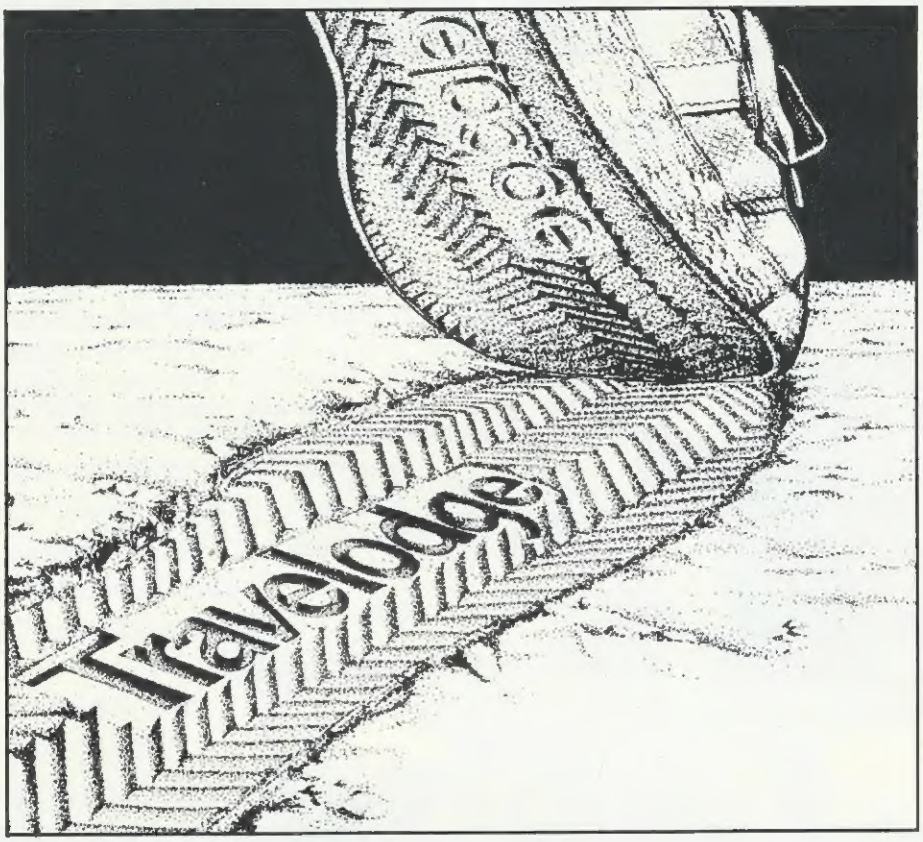

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WINFIELD SPONSORS THE SOCCEROOS

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

THE wonderful sponsorship the Australian Soccer Federation has received from Winfield for these two World Cup showdown games against Scotland is a typical example of football in the international arena today. No team and no association can hope or expect to exist without the help or sponsorship from big business.

This is now a fact of life.

Winfield of course are no strangers to the Socceroo scene and they first came in with a big sponsorship for the ASF Centenary clash against England at the SCG on the night of May 31, 1980 with the Winfield Cup up for grabs.

Winfield then followed this up with another sponsorship for the friendly series against Northern Ireland the same year.

Now they're back, with the Winfield Australian Socceroos, and it is to be hoped this new association will be a long and fruitful venture for both parties – the Socceroos and Winfield.

To sum up the present sponsorship ASF President Sir Arthur George said, "We were looking for a sponsor, now we have found a partner and a friend."

Soccer, especially here in Australia, can't hope to go it alone and needs the help of companies such as Winfield.

To participate successfully at international level – as the Winfield Socceroos can now do – takes money and a great deal of it.

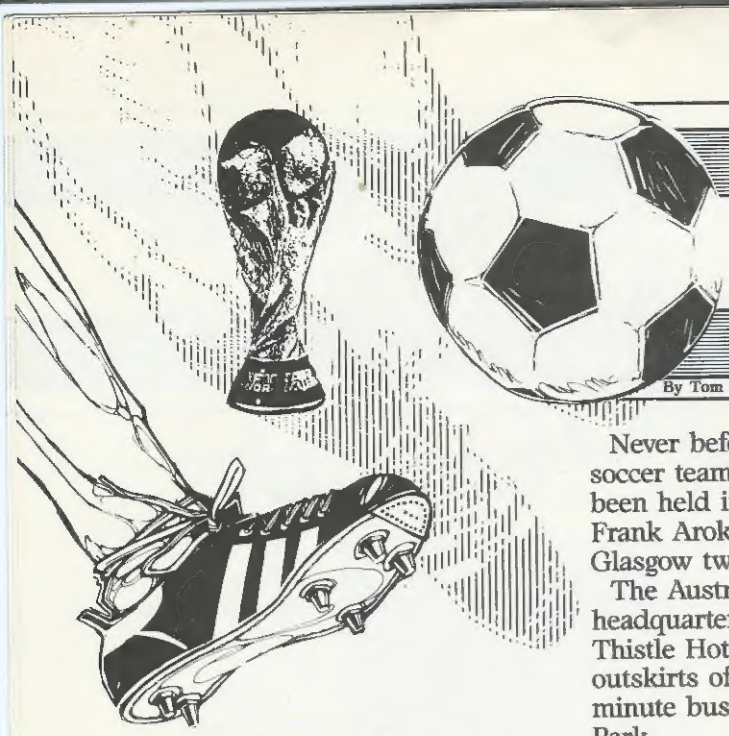
Due to our geographical position, we are isolated from the great soccer powers of the world. For our players to get the competitive matches needed to bring them to top level means overseas travel and plenty of it.

Also in the present World Cup qualifying setup our team unfortunately has to travel extensively for their qualifying games. Again, this takes finance which can only come through generous sponsorships such as Winfield.

A spokesman for Winfield said that his company is proud to be part of Australia's World Cup campaign.

"These two clashes against Scotland have taken soccer in this country to the top of the sporting tree and we are proud to be part of it."

Prime Minister Bob Hawke in action with the Winfield Socceroos.



THE MISSION NORTH

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

THE Winfield Socceroos may have come back from Hampden Park without the valuable World Cup qualifying points but if it's any consolation they won the hearts and pride of the Scottish nation with their never say die display and the excellent manner in which they conducted themselves at all times during their visit to Glasgow.

Never before has an Australian soccer team been so popular and been held in so high esteem as Frank Arok and his boys were in Glasgow two weeks ago.

The Australian party were headquartered at the McDonald Thistle Hotel at Giffnock on the outskirts of Glasgow – a ten-minute bus trip from Hampden Park.

Mine host of the McDonald Thistle John McGuinness and his staff went out of their way to ensure the Socceroos were made at home and it was perfection to a tee.

The team trained at Lesser Hampden – a smaller ground adjacent to the stadium and there were no problems whatsoever. In fact, the preparation went according to plan and the Scots went out of their way to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed.

The Scottish media were very kind to the Socceroos and there were definitely no complaints in this department.

Scotland's two leading scribes – Alex Cameron of the Daily Record and Ken Gallacher of The Sun travelled to London to meet the Socceroos on their arrival in Britain, which set the scene for the week to follow.

The brilliant Cameron – Scotland's Sportswriter of the Year – affectionately labelled coach Arok "Mad Dog" Arok and to the day the Socceroos left Glasgow the tag was displayed extensively on the front and back pages of the press and on television.

The shrewd Cameron, who misses nothing on the world football scene, had not missed Frank's previous run-in with the Israelis in the Oceania series!

The players themselves were

OF THE BORDER IN BONNIE SCOTLAND

lauded and applauded wherever they went and indeed this was their first real taste of the big-time.

It was indeed hard to comprehend that only 12 months previously the Socceroos had played a friendly in Glasgow against the Rangers and they couldn't give tickets away for the match and apart from the paltry 2,000 who turned up for the game, nobody knew they were in town!

How times changed!

Then came the big moment everyone had been waiting for – the match at Hampden with a place in Mexico the prize.

A capacity crowd of 63,000 packed the old stadium – the SFA could have sold double the amount of tickets had there been room to house the Scottish fans.

The atmosphere was electric and the roar ear-splitting.

During the first half, the Socceroo defensive setup worked like a dream and coach Frank Arok and indeed the whole of Australia were well satisfied with the scoreless draw at half-time. For let's face it, this Scottish team was a good one, jam-packed with talented players of undoubted world class.

Then disaster befell the Socceroos in the 56th minute when Davie Cooper put the Scots ahead with a tremendous free-kick from just outside the penalty area. One goal down – could the Socceroos keep the hungry Scots at bay?

The answer came four minutes later when new Scots hero Frank McAvennie added a second. It was a case of so near yet so far for the plucky Socceroos.

When the referee blew his whistle to end the game it was a disappointed Socceroo team that trooped back into the dressing room.

But they had given their lot for the green and gold of Australia – no one can ask for more. Also they live on to fight another day – tonight in the return clash, where it will be an entirely new ball game.

As stated previously, the mission to Scotland may not have yielded the two desired points but it was a sortie that gave soccer in Australia the prestige and credibility it had long been crying out for.

The Scots were naturally proud of their team and their victory, but in their moment of triumph they graciously praised the Socceroos and their efforts.

This indeed is what football should be all about and the Socceroos' venture to Scotland will long be remembered with affection and pride.

The Socceroos 1985

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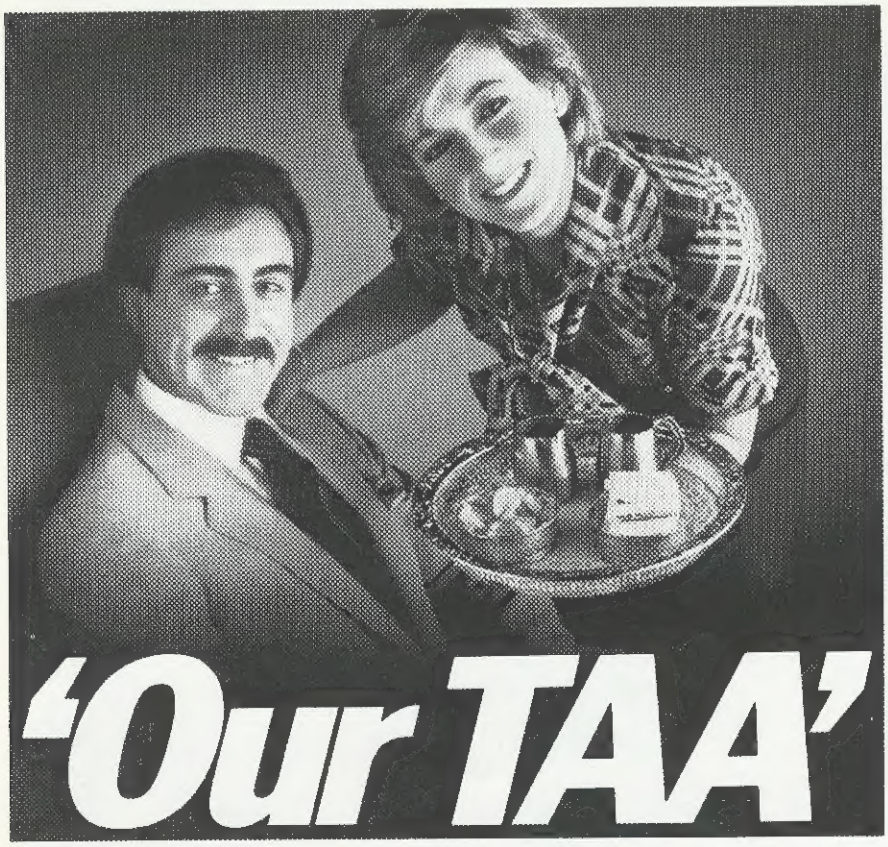

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SCOTS TEAM BOSS ALEX FERGUSON

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

SCOTTISH team boss Alex Ferguson is without any shadow of a doubt the finest tactician in British football history.

Here is a young man who seems to have all the answers and a coach – or manager as they are termed in Scotland, who commands the highest respect from everyone in the game.

To guide an international team to success not only takes tactical skill, guile and expertise it also takes courage and bravery.

Alex Ferguson displayed these qualities when he selected an all out attacking formation and sent his men forward in droves against the Socceroos at Hampden Park.

Ferguson gained international recognition for his country as a player and toured Australia with the Scottish team in 1967.

Indeed his scoring prowess made the headlines during this tour when he scored the winner for the Scots in Sydney against the Socceroos.

Then in the third match in Melbourne, Scotland had a 2-0 win with Fergie again grabbing both goals.

Olympic Park tonight will certainly bring back fond memories for the Scottish boss!

As a player, Fergie started with Queens Park, and then played for Dunfermline, St. Johnstone and the Rangers.

Like his new striker Frank McAvennie he had the ability to snap up the half chances around goal in expert fashion.

His managerial career started with the St. Mirren club where he unearthed a wealth of talent.

From there he moved to his present club Aberdeen – now the pride and joy of Scottish football.

Fergie led Aberdeen to a memorable European Cup-winners Cup win over Real Madrid in 1983.

Last year he became assistant Scottish team boss under the late Jock Stein. And with the sad passing of Big Jock at Cardiff, Fergie was given control of Scotland's soccer destiny.

Now the fortunes of this brilliant Scottish side could not be in finer hands.

Like another great Scottish manager – the late Bill Shankley of Liverpool, the tales of Fergie's antics are quickly becoming legendary.

More than often he adopts a style during a match, which seems to suit him best – roaring at his players and putting the fear of death into them!

As stated earlier, his tactics are flawless and although he always plays to a system, he firmly believes that individual talent must be allowed expression within his game plan framework.

Ferguson also possesses the rare gift to immediately determine what is going wrong during a match.

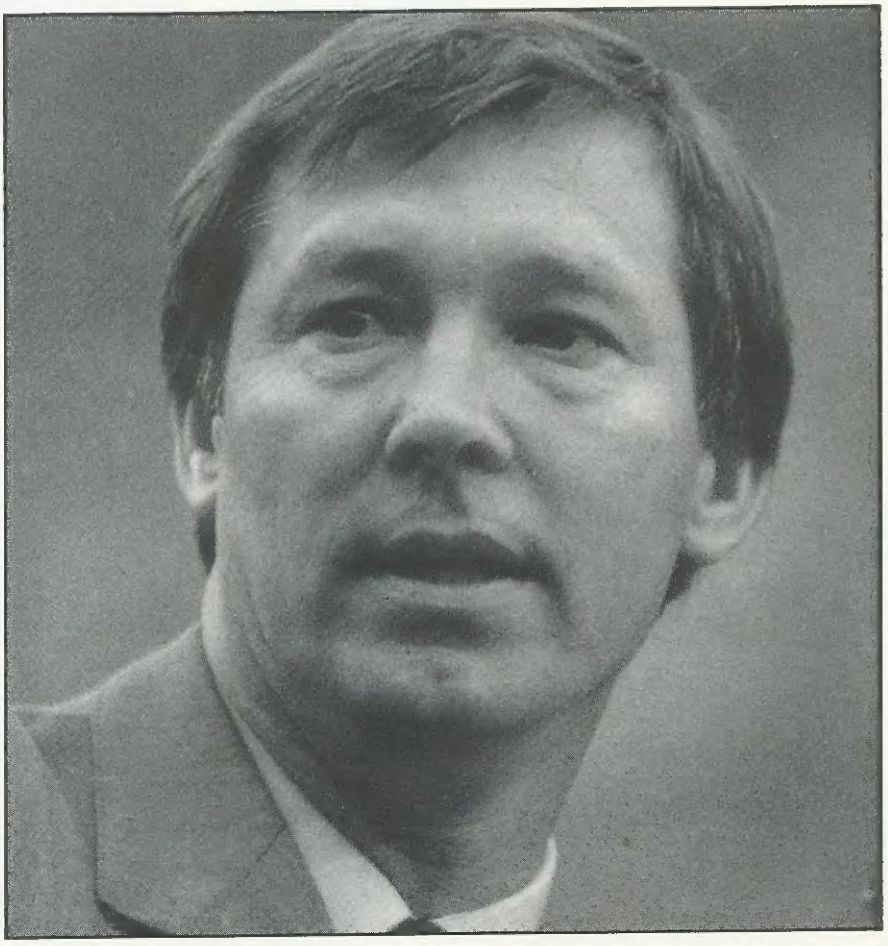
This gift allows him to change his pattern of play either at half-time or from the bench.

Although tonight's match will only be Scotland's third under his control, Ferguson's expertise can clearly be seen in the team's style.

Like Socceroos coach Frank Arok, Fergie is a perfectionist and a man totally committed to the game of soccer.

With a victory in the first leg and a two goal advantage up his sleeve he's in the box seat tonight.

This is a situation that Alex Ferguson revels in and tonight Scotland's and Britain's best, will no doubt be seen in all his glory on the Scottish bench.



SCOTLAND TEAM

JIM LEIGHTON
(Goalkeeper)

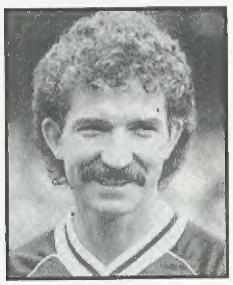
Age: 27
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Aberdeen
Total International caps: 24
One of the finest goalkeeper ever produced in Scotland and a man who makes the art of goalkeeping look easy.

ROY AITKEN
(Midfielder)

Age: 27
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Glasgow Celtic
Total International Caps: 16
A dynamic player and a dynamo with a tremendous work rate in midfield. A very valuable player in this present Scottish set up.

STEVE NICOL
(Defender)

Age: 23
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Liverpool
Total International Caps: 7
A highly talented player who is at home in either the full-back or midfield position. Will be a key man for Scotland for years to come.

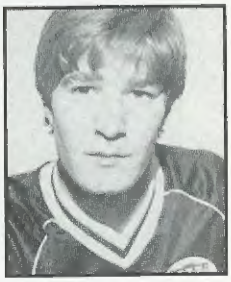


GRAEME SOUNESS
(Midfielder)

Age: 32
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Sampdoria (Italy)
Total International Caps: 49
One of the world's finest and a man with total respect in football circles wherever the game is played. They don't come any better anywhere than Graeme Souness!

ALEX McLEISH
(Defender)

Age: 26
Occupation: Full-time footballer
Current Club: Aberdeen
Total International Caps: 40
A rugged and highly competent central defender who has a wonderful understanding with clubmate and fellow national team member Willie Miller.

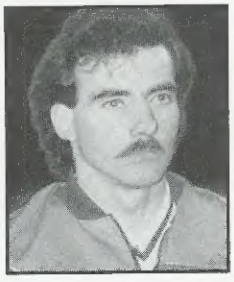


RICHARD GOUGH
(Defender)

Age: 23
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Dundee United
Total International Caps: 19
A tough and uncompromising defender who can always be relied upon to produce the goods for Scotland.

WILLIE MILLER
(Defender)

Age: 30
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Aberdeen
Total International Caps: 43
A sweeper extraordinaire and a man who has perfected last minute tackling to a fine art. No better defender in the game than this fellow.



FRANK McAVENNIE
(Striker)

Age: 25
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: West Ham United
Total International Caps: 1
Scotland's new goal scoring machine. Got his first cap against the Socceroos at Hampden and duly responded with a great goal!

MAURICE MALPAS
(Defender)

Age: 23
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Dundee United
Total International Caps: 5
A real find for Scotland and a player on the verge of world greatness. A perfectly equipped full-back for any company.

DAVIE COOPER
(Striker)

Age: 29
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Glasgow Rangers
Total International Caps: 12
A brilliant winger in the traditional Scottish mould. Loves playing against the Socceroos – he's scored three goals against them on his two last outings!

BIOGRAPHIES

ALAN ROUGH
(Goalkeeper)

Age: 34
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Hibernian
Total International Caps: 52
A goalkeeper with a wealth of experience and a good man to have around in case of emergency.

PAUL McSTAY
(Midfielder)

Age: 21
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Glasgow Celtic
Total International Caps: 12
A brilliant youngster who captained the Scottish youth team when they were downed 2-1 by the Young Socceroos in the 1983 World Youth Cup finals in Mexico.

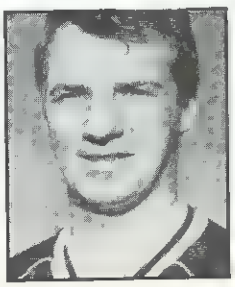
GRAEME SHARP
(Striker)

Age: 25
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Everton
Total International Caps: 2
Came on as a substitute late in the game at Hampden and looked more than useful. A direct and lethal striker.

MAURICE JOHNSTON
(Striker)

Age: 22
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Glasgow Celtic
Total International Caps: 9
An excellent striker who returned to Celtic after a successful spell in England with Watford.

DAVIE SPEEDIE
(Striker)



Age: 25
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Chelsea
Total International Caps: 3
A very useful member of the Scottish squad and a player looking for the opportunity to nail down a regular place in the line up.

MURDO McLEOD
(Midfielder)

Age: 27
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Glasgow Celtic
Total International Caps: 1
A fine midfield player in the traditional Scottish fashion and ready to make his presence felt at international level.

NEALE COOPER
(Midfielder)

Age: 23
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Aberdeen
Total International Caps: Nil
A young aristocrat who looks like Franz Beckenbauer and plays in the same style. Also played against the Young Socceroos in Mexico in 1983.

CAMPBELL MONEY
(Goalkeeper)

Age: 25
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: St. Mirren
Total International Caps: Nil
A surprise selection for the squad, but a goalkeeper who has won his selection by hard work and brilliance.

STEWART McKIMMIE
(Defender)

Age: 23
Occupation: Full-time Footballer
Current Club: Aberdeen
Total International Caps: Nil
One of the form full-backs in Scotland at the present time and it was only a matter of time before he gained national recognition.

DAVIE COOPER — The Scot with the Golden Boots!

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

OH! No . . . Not that man again! . . . was the cry from Winfield Socceroo fans as Scotland's Davie Cooper rattled in the opening goal at Hampden Park two weeks ago in the first leg of the World Cup showdown.

For Rangers' left-wing wizard Cooper has a terrible habit of hitting the Socceroos where it hurts most, by scoring goals against them. A year ago when Australia called into Glasgow for their friendly against Rangers at Ibrox it was Cooper who grabbed Rangers' two goals to give them their 2-1 win.

And what goals they were!

Both gems from 30 metres that dipped and bent like bananas into the Australian net! Even the great Brazilian superstar Zico could not have bettered this performance.

And, just when the Socceroos were getting over their "Cooper Blues" up he pops again at Hampden to hand out some more of his medicine. It was hard to take!

And, believe me, it was enough to make Socceroo coach Frank Arok tear out his hair.

On his day, there is no better player in world football than Davie Cooper. He plays football in the traditional Scottish style that leaves the fans screaming for more.

This fellow can mesmerise any defence with his long stride, deceptive speed, magnetic dribbling skills and hanging lobs. He's also mastered the art of bending the ball from free-kick situations.

Cooper, 29, joined Rangers from the Clydebank club where his outstanding talent had Britain sitting up and taking note.

His career at Ibrox has been a speckled one of brilliance and indifference. When he's hot, he's hot, and when he's cold, he's frustrating!

But there is no doubt about it, Davie Cooper is all class.

Rangers' manager big Jock Wallace is a Davie Cooper fan, although at times the mercurial winger has his boss foaming at the mouth!

"For my money this fellow has more talent than any other player in Britain," declares Wallace.

"On his day he can mesmerise any defence in the world. Also he has a finishing shot in his left foot that is second to none.

"But on the days he's not in the mood he's the most frustrating player I've ever come across. Luckily his off days are few and far between at the moment!"

It is to be hoped for Australia's sake Cooper has one of his "off nights" tonight!

It was a Cooper penalty that gave the Scots a draw in their crucial Group Seven clash against Wales in Cardiff recently and the right to meet the Socceroos for a final place in Mexico.

Socceroo full-back Alan Davidson played Cooper well at Hampden and, for a while, it seemed as if he had quelled the jinx. But that was not to be, and up popped the wee wizard in the 56th minute with "that goal" from the free-kick.

Come to think of it, if Davie Cooper is on target for the Scots tonight the Australian immigration authorities should immediately stamp his passport — "Never to play against Australia again" — maybe this will stop him once and for all!

Davie Cooper (not in picture) scores Scotland's [illegible]

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AUSTRALIAN COACH – FRANK AROK

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

WHATEVER happens in tonight's second leg clash against Scotland, Winfield Socceroos coach Frank Arok can be proud of his achievements with his team.

For here is a man who has gained credibility and prestige for Australian soccer at the highest level.

There is no more dedicated mentor in the game in Australia than Arok.

His contribution to soccer in this country is quite immeasurable. His example is there to be followed.

Frank Arok is a perfectionist, a demanding task master and a coach whose involvement in the game is total.

He hates to settle for anything but the best and he strives to achieve just that.

Although we are isolated from the world soccer scene Arok's methods and ideas are completely up with the modern trend.

Before coming to Australia, he coached at The Vojvodina and Novi Sad clubs in Yugoslavia.

His first appointment with the Socceroos was in 1983 when he came in as caretaker coach for the three match series against England.

He was an instant success and England team manager Bobby Robson still has nightmares over his tussles with the shrewd Yugoslav!

At that time Arok stated emphatically that he would not have taken control of the Australian team had he believed that the Socceroos could not compete with their illustrious opponents.

Since then they have done this in wonderful fashion under Arok's control.

As a former sporting editor he is also an expert in the field of public relations – as the Scottish media found to their delight in Glasgow!

Always ready with the quotable quote, Frank is always good for a story. However he is also a man who does not suffer fools gladly!

One of Arok's major successes with the Socceroos is that he has achieved the 'almost impossible' by getting Australia as a nation fully behind the Socceroos.

The public at large realise that now we have a national soccer team willing to die for the green and gold of their country.

Frank Arok was the most disappointed man at Hampden Park two weeks ago when the referee blew his whistle to end the game with his team down 2-0.

And rightly so, for his tactics were flawless and he and his team deserved a better fate.

Immediately the game was over, Arok in his typical professional manner was busy preparing his blueprint for tonight's return game.

The battle of tactics between the Australian mentor and Scots boss Alex Ferguson will indeed be something to behold.

Both are managers of the highest calibre and therein lies a deep respect for each other.

Tonight's game will be the most crucial ever staged in Australia and one that has well and truly captured the imagination of the Australian sporting public.

It has been made possible by the expertise of master coach Frank Arok – of this there is no doubt whatsoever!

AUSTRALIAN TEAM

TERRY GREEDY *(Goalkeeper)*

Age: 30
Occupation: Teacher
Current Club: St. George
Total International Games played: 37
Goalkeeper: Courageous and agile with safe hands. Cool under pressure and has good anticipation. Made his international debut against England in 1983 and has never looked back. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

GRAHAM JENNINGS *(Defender)*

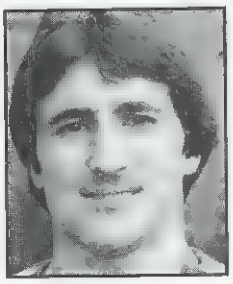
Age: 25
Occupation: Legal Searcher
Current Club: Sydney Olympic
Total International Games played: 38 Senior, 10 Youth
One of the most exciting defenders in Australian Soccer. Played in the 1981 F.I.F.A. World Youth Championship Finals. A regular member of Australia's National Team. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

ALAN DAVIDSON *(Defender)*

Age: 25
Occupation: Full-time footballer
Current Club: Nottingham Forest (U.K.)
Total International Games played: 44
A skilful attacking fullback, currently playing for Nottingham Forest in England, has been troubled by a back injury which looks as if it has healed. Has played for Australia for six years. Previously played for South Melbourne. His preferred playing position is Midfield/Defence, he is also a product of the Australian Youth Team.

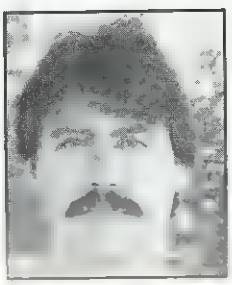
CHARLIE YANKOS *(Defender)*

Age: 24
Occupation: Club Director
Current Club: Heidelberg United
Total International Games played: 40
A strong sweeper who also came to the forefront in 1983 against England. Has the ability to play in numerous positions in the defence and filled in at right-back in the successful Merlion Cup campaign in December 1983. Toured Europe/China in 1984.



STEVE O'CONNOR *(Defender)*

Age: 31
Occupation: Teacher
Current Club: Sydney City
Total International Games played: 42
Stopper and one of the hardest men to pass in the National Soccer League. Dominating in the air and strong on the ground, he is the lynch-pin in the Sydney City defence. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

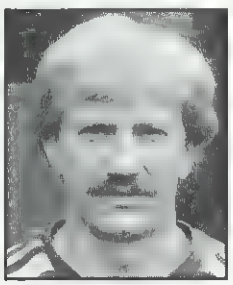


DAVID RATCLIFFE *(Defender)*

Age: 28
Occupation: Steelfixer
Current Club: St. George
Total International Games played: 46
Probably the most consistent performer in Australian club football. Ratcliffe made his name on the international front with his memorable clashes with England superstar Trevor Francis in the 1983 series. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

JOE WATSON *(Midfielder)*

Age: 33
Current Club: Sydney City
Total International Games played: 39
A midfielder-cum-winger who has talent to burn. Despite his small stature he is one of the most penetrating players in the game in Australia. Toured Europe/China in 1984.



KEN MURPHY *(Midfielder)*

Age: 29
Occupation: Toolmaker
Current Club: South Melbourne
Total International Games played: 35
A strong attacking midfielder with great experience. Blossomed onto the national scene in the series against England and hasn't looked back since. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

TOMMY McCULLOCH *(Midfielder)*

Age: 21
Current Club: Apia Leichhardt
Total International Games played: 17 Senior 21 Youth
A youngster with a big future ahead of him. Plays in the midfield and has great vision and is an excellent passer of the ball. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

OSCAR CRINO *(Midfielder)*

Age: 23
Occupation: Clerk
Current Club: South Melbourne
Total International Games played: 28 Senior, 13 Youth
A brilliant ball player who starred in the sweeper role for the Young Socceroos in the 1981 World Youth Cup Finals series. An [illegible] years towards the [illegible] Toured [illegible]

BIOGRAPHIES

JOHN KOSMINA *(Striker)*

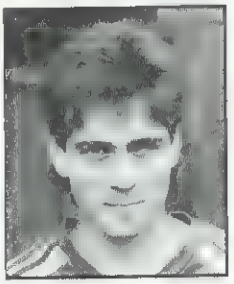
Age: 31
Occupation: Sales Representative
Current Club: Sydney City
Total International Games played: 87
He has played in two World Cup campaigns with the Socceroos. Also spent a season in the English First Division with Arsenal. Great skills and goal scoring ability. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

DAVID MITCHELL *(Striker)*

Age: 23
Current Club: Sydney City
Total International games played: 28
Without doubt one of the most dynamic and exciting strikers in the National Soccer League scene, where he has benefitted from his experience of playing in Scotland recently. A tall striker who dominates in the air, and also possesses an electrifying turn of speed.

FRANK FARINA *(Striker)*

Age: 21
Occupation: Clerk
Current Club: Sydney City
Total International Games played: 27 Senior, 21 Youth, Under-23 5
Another young star of the youth team's participation in last year's World Youth Cup Finals in Mexico. Became Australia's hero when he scored the equalising goal against Mexico in front of a capacity crowd of 110,000 at the Aztec Stadium. Fast and direct, Frank has a good finishing shot. Toured Europe/China in 1984.



JEFF OLVER *(Goalkeeper)*

Age: 24
Total International Games played: 13 Senior, 1 Youth
Current Club: Heidelberg United
A young goalkeeper who first came into prominence when selected for the National Youth team to travel to South America for the qualifying round of the 1979 World Youth Cup. Safe in the air and very agile. Has represented Victoria on many occasions.

JIM PATIKAS *(Midfielder)*

Age: 22
Current Club: Sydney Croatia
Total International Games played: 21 Senior, 30 Youth
A brilliant young attacking midfielder who has been described by Argentinian World Cup winning coach Cezar Luis Menotti as one of the most talented players he has seen outside South America. Menotti made this statement after watching Patikas in action in the Joao Havelage Tournament in Mexico in 1982.

IAN GRAY *(Defender)*

Age: 22
Occupation: Gardener
Current Club: Marconi Fairfield
Total International Games played: 19 Senior, 1 Youth
Has been tried out in the national team at right-back and midfield. He has played State League and NSL since 1979. Previously he played for Apia Leichhardt. Has yet to play a full international for Australia.

ZARKO ODZAKOV *(Midfielder)*

Age: 30
Occupation: Footballer
Current Club: Sydney Croatia
Total International Games played: 12
Prior to joining Sydney Croatia he played for two years with Preston. His current playing position is midfield.

ROBERT DUNN *(Defender)*

Age: 25
Occupation: Sales Director
Current Club: Preston Makedonia
Total International Games played: 14
Has played with West Adelaide, Adelaide Azzurri and Croatia North Perth. His current playing position is Centre Half.

GRAHAM ARNOLD *(Striker)*

Age: 22
Occupation: Carpenter & Joiner
Current Club: Sydney Croatia
Total International games played: 8
His current playing position is striker and forward. Played last year in the State League with Sydney Croatia when they won promotion to the National League. His previous club was Canterbury-Marrickville.

CHARLIE YANKOS

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

PROBABLY the most improved player in the Winfield Socceroo team over the past 12 months has been indefatigable sweeper big Charlie Yankos.

Throughout the Socceroo World Cup campaign Charlie Boy has been in magnificent form and has never put a foot wrong. His efforts at Hampden Park two weeks ago in the first leg of the World Cup showdown against Scotland were nothing less than magnificent and he was a real Australian hero of the hour.

Tonight at Olympic Park, big Charlie, 24, will be on home territory and he is determined to put on a real show in his own backyard!

Born in the suburb of Carlton in Melbourne, Charlie started his soccer career with Polonia Juniors before moving to his present club, Heidelberg. It was with Heidelberg that he first caught the eye of shrewd Socceroo coach Frank Arok who tried in vain to take him to Sydney to play with the St. George club.

Heidelberg knew they had a hot property on their hands and were not prepared to lose him.

Then, when coach Arok was given the reins of the Socceroo team for the series against England in 1983, one of the first players selected was Charlie. And, to be honest, his selection raised a few eyebrows.

For outside of his home town of Melbourne, Yankos was practically unknown. But not for long and the solid defender impressed all and sundry with some storming performances against the English tourists.

So much so, that former England team manager Ron Greenwood, here for the series, arranged for Charlie to fly to England and trial with the Brighton club during the off-season. Terms were offered, but there were problems over a work permit and Yankos packed his bags and high-tailed it home to Australia.

Since then he has been a permanent fixture in the Socceroo line-up and has gone from strength to strength.

"From the moment I saw him, I decided he was my type of player," declared coach Arok.

"In the past few months he has developed into a top class sweeper and has matured into a very valuable player in our setup."

Built like a Sherman Tank, Charlie developed his physique while he worked as a fitness director with the Nautilus company in Melbourne for two-and-a-half years. He has since left that job and is now a sales co-ordinator with the Victorian TAB with 26 agencies under his jurisdiction.

At a time when a number of the Socceroos are being flooded with offers to join overseas clubs, Charlie is happy with his lot in Australia.

"Obviously if the right offer came along I would have to consider it," he declared.

"But at the present time I want to consolidate my position career-wise here in Australia and I am more than happy to continue to play here.

"I enjoy playing with the Socceroos and I think that we are just on the beginning of something big."

And, with the Olympic Games qualifying series not too far off and the 1990 World Cup in view this is good news to all Australian soccer fans.

Big Charlie Yankos is really hitting the high spots at the moment, but the best is still to come!

TERRY GREEDY

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

IT'S a long haul from the little bush town of Lismore in the north of New South Wales to the white-hot fever of Hampden Park, Glasgow and a capacity crowd of 63,000 fervent Scots.

But Winfield Socceroo goalkeeper and bush boy Terry Greedy made it and he'll never forget the experience as long as he lives!

For the likeable big goalkeeper this was his dream come true when he faced the might of Scotland two weeks ago at the Tartan Mecca of football.

Only a few years ago Greedy was playing for a little Lismore club by the name of Eastwood United. For a big game the crowd would swell to half a dozen supporters and a brown dog!

When things were going bad even the dog stayed away!

But Greedy was a young man determined to make the top at his chosen sport and decided to "give it a go" in Sydney soccer. He packed his bags, bundled his wife and kids into his car, said goodbye to the brown dog and headed for the big time where he got himself a game with the Melita Eagles club.

Soon his undoubted talent came to the notice of the bigger clubs and he was snapped up by St. George, the club of Socceroo coach Frank Arok.

The next step was the national team where he is now a permanent fixture.

A school teacher by profession and a part-time player Greedy, however, nearly buckled under the demands of training four nights a week and a game at the weekend.

The situation was such that he was seeing less and less of his wife and young family and for a devout family man such as Terry this was just not on. So much so, he announced his retirement in far-off Singapore in 1983 after the Socceroos had won the Merlion Cup.

Terry Greedy before the Hampden Park clash.

But some hard talking by coach Arok and a new home near the St. George Stadium changed his mind and he was back in harness once again.

A typical laconic Aussie, Greedy is as brave as they come and after having his head split open in the tough World Cup qualifying clash against Israel in Tel Aviv, team physician Dr Brian Corrigan had to physically pull him out of the action to insert seven stitches in the gaping wound.

This typifies Greedy to a tee; he's a proud Australian.

A great deal of debate has been going on over Scotland's first goal at Hampden scored from a free-kick by Davie Cooper. Some pundits think that the wall was wrong, others think Greedy positioned himself badly.

Here's Terry's version of the affair.

"The wall was OK, but to be honest we did not know if it was Graeme Souness or Cooper who was going to take the kick," he said.

"Souness is an expert in lobbing the ball over the wall into the far corner of the goal, and Cooper of course can bend them low and hard.

"Under the circumstances I had to try and position myself to attempt to cut out both.

"Unfortunately for us Cooper's kick was a beauty and there was nothing that could be done about it."

Tonight, Terry Greedy will be out there with his Socceroo mates doing their damndest to reverse the tables of the Scots.

And, no doubt the boy from the bush will play his part as he usually does in expert fashion!

WHY MEXICO WILL BE BREATH-TAKING

By Allan Heron, "Daily Mail"

SOUTH of the border, down Mexico way, where some 77 million people live on a piece of earth covering 756,198 square miles, there are going to be a lot of guys gulping for air come the month of June.

They will come from Argentina, West Germany, Brazil, Bulgaria, England, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Canada, Italy, Soviet Union, Denmark, Algeria, South Korea, Uruguay, Morocco, Poland and, either Scotland or Australia.

Some of the 24 nations – and we mustn't forget the host nation of Mexico – who will be competing in the 13th finals of the World Cup.

The greatest soccer show on earth will start on Saturday, May 31, when the defending champions of Italy are expected to open this multi-million peso parade of skill and thrill, against opposition still to emerge from the ballot box. Exactly 52 games and 29 days later it will end in the Aztec Stadium of Mexico City in a final that will be transmitted live throughout the world by T.V. satellite.

It is a world occasion that has to listen extremely carefully to the advice of the medical profession.

The teams which competed in the 1970 Mexico finals, won by a brilliant Brazilian side with Carlos Alberto, Pele, Tostao and Rivelino doing things with a football that bordered on sorcery, found themselves battling for breath.

The reduced atmospheric pressure and air density on playing fields which were over 7,000 feet above sea level, made the ball move with explosive speed. But the thin air and the temperatures which soared into the 90s had a devastating effect on the physical well-being of the players.

Players discovered they had to change to the cat-and-mouse strategy of the Latin sides, where the ball was interpassed in defence until such times as the opposition was caught off balance and an attack mounted. So the technical and skilful players dominated the finals.

Nonetheless Brazil, Peru and West Germany showed that pressure, attacking football, could be played at rarefied heights once they had conquered their fear of acclimatisation.

The technical study group of FIFA in 1970 discovered that some players in the mid-day heat where losing three litres of water by half-time. It was therefore important that players were able to drink during a game, by moving to the touchline.

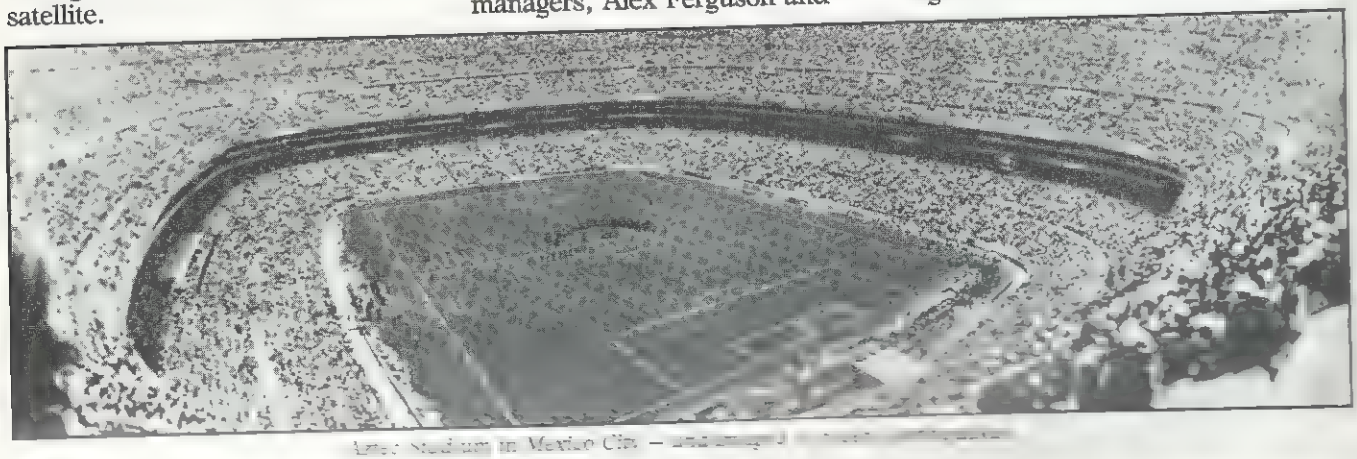
Scotland and Australian managers, Alex Ferguson and Frank Arok, are well aware of what awaits them in Mexico. Both nations played in the 1983 FIFA World Youth finals in Mexico and they saw the effects of high-altitude football.

Players in both the present Australian and Scottisd teams who played in those youth sides learned quickly that you had to try and find recovery periods during a game. Why run with the ball when you can walk? Why run with the ball when you can pass it? The constant fight for breath while your shirt sticks to your back like a belladonna plaster, makes the game in Mexico one for the adroit and the artistic.

During the 1968 Olympics in Mexico it was disconcerting to see sea-level athletes collapse in events and having to be revived by medical orderlies using oxygen. I recall the great Australian distance runner Ron Clarke collapse unconscious in sixth place in the 10,000 metres, significantly well behind altitude winner Naftali Temu of Kenya.

Conversely in the explosive events the world records toppled – Bob Beamon's incredible long jump of 29 feet 2½ inches, along with sprint records from Jim Hines (100 metres), Tommie Smith (200 metres) and Lee Evans (400 metres). All had prepared, however, in a special high altitude camp in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Football in Mexico is going to be much more than just a kick in the grass.



Aztec Stadium in Mexico City – and [illegible]

THE HISTORY OF FOOTBALL IN SCOTLAND

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

THE Scottish Football Association was formed in 1873, a year after the first official international clash had been played in Glasgow, between Scotland and England.

The early dominance of the Queens Park club, whose headquarters is at Hampden Park is illustrated by the fact that, before the foundation of the Scottish F.A., the selection of the Scottish team was entrusted to them.

Other clubs soon emerged, such as Rangers and Third Lanaark, and the short lived but distinguished Renton club, who won the alleged world championship in 1885 against England's West Bromwich Albion.

But soon the Scottish scene was dominated by the 'Auld Firm' – Rangers and Celtic, as it has been virtually ever since except for the past few years when Aberdeen have ruled the roost.

The early rivalry between Celtic and Rangers was punctuated by riots and some dreadful violence, yet the true history of Scottish football resides, after the founding contribution of Queens Park, in the vicissitudes of these two great clubs.

The Scottish Cup was founded in the season 1873-74. Queens Park won it on the first three occasions.

The Scottish championship was not initiated until 1890-91 when Dumbarton and Rangers were joint first winners.

In 1896, the Anglo-Scot, a footballer from Scotland playing in England for an English club was first chosen to play for Scotland.

Meanwhile, the dexterity and skill of Scottish footballers who had travelled south of the border brought about a transformation of English football.

For it was in Scotland that the passing game, unknown at that time in England, developed, proving immensely superior to the muscular physical game espoused by the scions of the English public schools.

It is also important to note that one of the first Presidents of the English Football Association was a Scot – Lord Kinnaird.

The founder of the English Football League was also a Scot – William McGregor.

The Scots poured over the border in the early days and it was Scottish players who formed the backbone of the all-conquering Preston North End team in the 1880's.

Scotland had such a superiority in the game in the early days that it was the ball playing Scots style that was taught by British coaches to the countries of Europe.

After World War I, in 1928, the Scottish international side became immortalised when the 'Wembley Wizards' thrashed England 5-1 at Wembley Stadium.

The feats of the Scottish ball artists on that occasion – Alex James, Alan Morton and Hughie Gallacher will never be forgotten as long as a ball is kicked!

In the early 1930's Scotland was in dispute with FIFA and because of this did not participate in the World Cup until after World War II.

Then in 1950 they refused to participate in the World series because they only finished runners-up in the British championships.

They did however qualify for the finals in 1954 and 1958 but their performances in the finals were disappointing to say the least. In recent years the Scots have also qualified for World Cup final series and were in West Germany in 1974, Argentina in 1978 and Spain in 1982.

Over the years Scotland have produced an array of world class players such as Denis Law, Dave Mackay, Jim Baxter, John White, Billy Bremner, Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish to name but just a few.

However up until a few years ago and on occasions at the present time their national team selection has been hampered by unavailability of their Anglo-Scottish players.

Celtic became the first British club to win the much coveted European Cup when they landed the trophy in 1967 and then they reached the final again in 1970.

Rangers won the European Cup-winners Cup in 1972, having twice reached the final in the 1960's.

And in 1983 Aberdeen coached by the present Scottish team boss Alex Ferguson took out the European Cup-winners Cup when they downed Real Madrid 2-1 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Scotland have had some fine national team managers over the years with the late Jock Stein the most loved and adored.

Stein gave the Scots a belief in themselves that had previously been missing in the international arena.

This fine work is now being carried on by Ferguson who was Stein's assistant.

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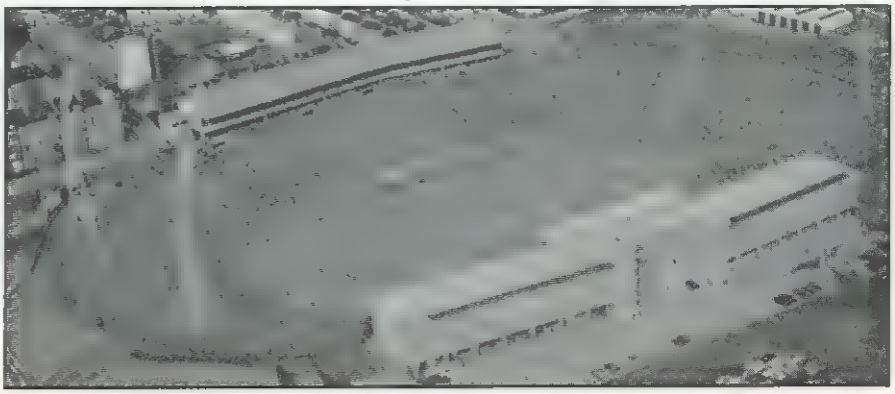

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WORLD CUP TRIVIA

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 1888, after West Bromwich Albion's surprise 2–1 victory in the English FA Cup Final over Preston North End and Renton's 6–1 thrashing of Cambuslang in the Scottish Cup Final, the two winning sides met for what was billed as "The first Championship of the World".

The game was played at Hampden Park on May 19, 1888. Conditions were atrocious and the match was played in heavy rain with spasmodic thunder and lightning.

The playing arena was inches deep in water and there were interruptions in each half when the players had to leave the field to allow the worst downpours to pass over.

The Scottish club Renton revelled in the conditions and won 4–0. West Bromwich claimed afterwards that because of the state of the pitch, the game could not be considered a test.

However Scottish pundits believed that the Renton side was so superior and at their peak that no team from England could have held them.

WORLD CUP RECORD

Antonio Carbajal of Mexico is the only player to have appeared in five World Cup final tournaments.

He kept goal for Mexico in 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962 and 1966. He made 11 appearances in all.

SCORER

Holland's Robbie Rensenbrink scored the 1,000th goal in World Cup finals when he converted a penalty against Scotland in Argentina in 1978.

BRAZIL

Mario Zagalo is the only man who has won a World Cup winners medal and managed a World Cup winning team.

He played in the 1958 and 1962 World Cup winning teams from Brazil.

He was then the Brazil manager when the South Americans had their third success in 1970.

Quotes

"I'll never get out of practice as far as my technique is concerned. Even at the age of 100 I'll still be able to out-play anybody with my dribbling.

George Best, Northern Ireland's 'enfant terrible'

I prefer rugby to soccer. When soccer players start biting each other's ears off again, maybe I'll like it better then.

Liz Taylor
film star

At home I have a wife, four children, my mother-in-law and two dogs to cope with every day. In comparison to this a soccer match is pure relaxation.

Felix Corval,
a Brazilian referee

Getting the ball into the back of the net from a penalty kick is the worst way to score a goal.

Pele, one of the best soccer players of all time."

PELE

Pele of Brazil is the only player to have been with three World Cup winning teams, though he missed the final of the 1962 series because of injury.

He made four appearances in the 1958 final series, two in 1962 and six in 1970. He also appeared in two matches in 1966 for a total of 14 appearances in all.

GOALSCORING

Just Fontaine of France scored a record 13 goals in six matches in the 1958 World Cup Final series.

Gerd Muller of West Germany scored 10 goals in 1970 and four in 1974 for an aggregate of 14 goals in the series.

Fontaine and Jairzinhe of Brazil are the only two players to have scored in every match of a final series, as Jairzinhe scored seven goals in six matches in 1970.

FIRST

The first player to score as many as four goals in any World Cup match was Paddy Moore who registered all the Republic of Ireland's goals in the 4–4 draw with Belgium in Dublin during a World Cup qualifying match on February 25, 1934.

FASTEST

The fastest goal scored in a World Cup final is attributed to Olle Nyberg of Sweden against Hungary on June 16, 1938 in Paris. Nyberg scored after only 30 seconds of play.

Bernard Lacombe of France scored for France against Italy in 31 seconds during the 1978 tournament in Argentina.

SUCCESSIVE

Vava of Brazil (real name Edwaldo Izidio Neto) is the only player to have scored in successive World Cup Finals.

He did so against Sweden in 1958 (scoring twice) and against Czechoslovakia in 1962.

OPENING

The first goal ever scored in the World Cup was attributed to Louis Laurent from France against Mexico on July 30, 1930 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

TROPHY

The present World Cup trophy is now the second in the lifetime of the competition.

The first was named after Jules Rimet, the late Honorary President of FIFA, from 1921 to 1954.

Brazil won this cup outright in 1970.

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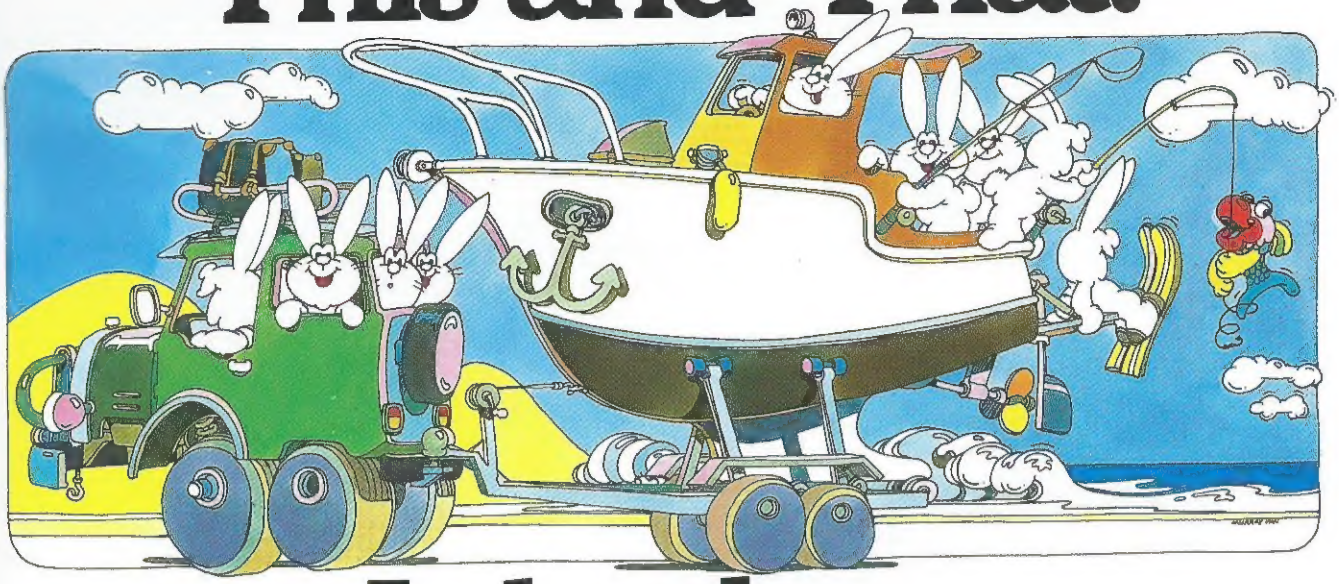

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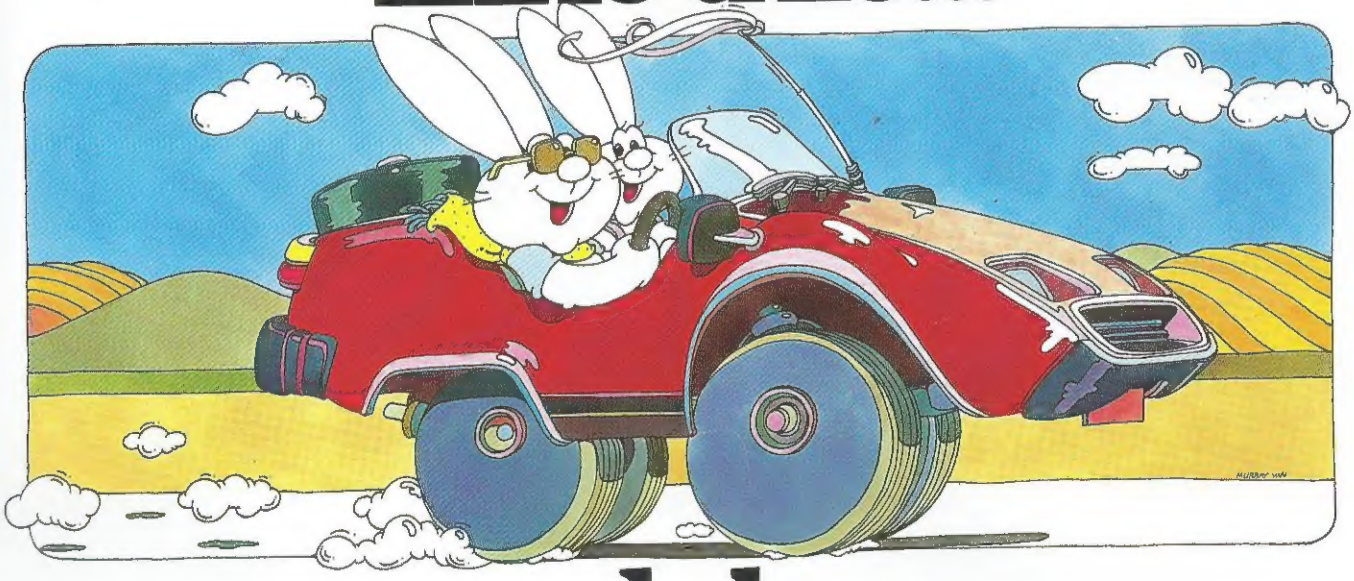

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